

Heavens - continued

Let's consider some basic design found with the moon. The moon is approximately 2,100 miles in diameter, orbits 240,000 miles from earth, and orbits every 29 ½ days. This provides a mathematically precise "calendar" for telling time (Numbers 10:10).

The moon provides light at night by reflection and gravity for moving the earth's ocean tides to keep the water from becoming stagnate (2 high tides, 2 low tides, every 24 hrs.).

The Planets Genesis 1:14-19

Let's consider some basic design found in the planets. Like the moon, the planets provide an accurate, dependable "calendar" for reckoning time and seasons; but not for worship (2 Kings 23:5).

Planets are "wandering stars" (Jude 13). Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto (renamed a "dwarf planet" in 2006) have fascinated mankind for centuries. Mercury and Jupiter are even mentioned in some versions of the Bible (Acts 14:12-13; 19:35).

- Chris Reeves -

- Word of the Week -

"Icon" (Gr. εἰκών) in the New Testament refers to an image. Jesus was the image of God because he was deity in the flesh (2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15). And, as Christians, we are to be conformed to the image of Jesus (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Colossians 3:10). Let's think about how we can be more Christ-like this week in our thoughts and deeds.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God - Part I

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows his handiwork
- Psalm 19:1 -*

The Psalmist long ago expressed an extraordinary truth about our universe and this truth was spoken long before the discoveries of “modern science”. The Psalmist declared that our physical universe shows the handiwork of God. The universe shows that someone made it. You can look up into the heavens, and other places, and see the glory and design of God.

The apostle Paul wrote something similar in his letter to the Romans:

*For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; that they may be without excuse
- Romans 1:20 -*

Design Demands a Designer

It is widely recognized today, even surprisingly among atheists, that our universe contains complex design. This notion was rejected by many in the past, but no longer. Many admit the obvious - there is intricate, incredibly complex design all throughout our uni-

verse from the smallest atom to the farthest galaxy.

One purpose of this design is to have an ordered environment for mankind to live. Another purpose of this design is to declare that there is an intelligent designer; a powerful Creator God.



The Earth Genesis 1:1-2,9-10; Job 26:7; Psalm 115:15-16; Isaiah 40:22; 45:18

Let's consider some basic design found with the earth. It is located 93 million miles from the sun; not too close (too hot), or too far away (too cold) from the sun.

Liquid water necessary for life is present on the Earth only; approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of

its surface is water.

Oxygen necessary for life is present on the Earth only.

A protective atmosphere of ozone (O₃), about 12 miles above the earth, filters most of the ultraviolet light from the sun, but allows the rest of the sun's light to pass through.

The rotation of the Earth on a tilted axis of 66.5 degrees (90 – 23.5) allows for the seasons (Genesis 8:22).

Gravity keeps everything and everyone from floating off into space as the earth travels 66,600 mph around the sun and 1,000 mph on its axis.

The magnetic field produced within the earth repels and deflects dangerous space particles (x-ray, gamma rays, ultraviolet light).

The hot inner core of the earth provides heat to the surface.

The Moon Genesis 1:14-19; Psalm 33:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:40-41

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